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Library Haunting Inspires Signature Event

Frightening events for people of all ages

GLENDALE, ARIZONA – Sept. 13, 2016. Glendale Public Library is embracing its dark side this Halloween with festivities that pay homage to library hauntings and a continuation of many signature events.

There is a ghost at the Velma Teague Library; at least that's what Greg Kinder, Administrative Librarian at the branch, reports. "The ghost of a woman with long hair wearing a dress from the early 1900's has been reported by various late-night cleaning crew members over the years. Library staff members have reported seeing books literally fly off the shelves," Kinder said.

The haunting, inspired Kinder to put together *Fright Night* back in 2003. This after-hours teen event encourages teens to journey through the Velma Teague Branch library on a quest to collect points by completing a series of challenges. This year, *Fright Night* will be on Oct. 22.

Fright Night is not the only Halloween event Glendale Public Library is putting on.

Since 2010, Kearsten LaBrozzi, Teen Librarian at the Main Library, has organized an annual *Zombie LARP*. At this event, teens fight zombies who have taken over the library. Each year, the Main Glendale Library's Teen Library Council builds the event around an original story. This year, the storyline centers around two of the teen library staff fighting over Britney Spears' status as a pop legend. The fight escalates quickly into nuclear war between the two teen staff members, inspired by the popular "Fallout" video game series. The nuclear fallout causes the zombie outbreak.

"This year's theme is especially fun. It was born out of a shared love of video games, pop culture and zombies among our teens and library staff," said LaBrozzi. *Zombie LARP* will be held on October 28th at the Main Library.

Also for teens, the Foothills Branch Library is hosting a classic scary movie night on Oct. 19. This year they are showing "The House on Haunted Hill" and creating glowing paracord bracelets.

For kids too young to participate in the teen events, the library system will also be offering special programs for younger kids, like *Don't Bug Me! I'm Beary Scary* on Oct. 25.

Don't Bug Me! I'm Beary Scary is Library Assistant Elly Reidy's signature event. Reidy, a youth staff member at the Main Library, has been hosting this event for kids and families since 2007. According to Reidy: "*Don't Bug Me! I'm Beary Scary!* promises preschoolers bugs, creepy-crawlies and other things that go bump in the night."

The library has not forgotten about adults either. This year, the Main Library is very excited to present *Live @ the Library: Tetra String Quartet*. Here, the Tetra String Quartet will bring to life the silent horror film, "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" with live music.

Additional library events and programs, including more celebrating Halloween, can be found at the library's website: www.glendaleaz.com/library. For questions, please call 623-930-3530.



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